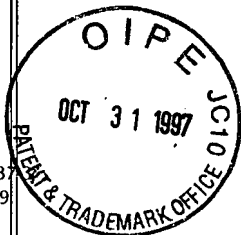


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 28, 1997 please enter the following amendment after final under Rule 116(a)

In the Claims:

1 (four times amended). An athletic shoe comprising an upper for wearing about a user's foot, a sole mounted to the upper, said sole having a forefoot portion and a heel portion, said heel portion comprising a midsole carried below the upper and an outsole carried below the midsole, said outsole having a bottom surface at least partially bounded

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